ABSTRACT

The master’s thesis *Women after breast cancer* describes the influence of breast cancer on some aspects of the psychosocial life of affected women. In the theoretical part, the author describes the breast cancer, its causes, incidence, presents classification of tumors and risk factors, introduces strategies for prevention and makes the reader aware of symptoms and the quality of life of sufferers. Furthermore, the author analyzes contemporary therapies for the treatment of breast cancer. The empirical part of the master’s thesis includes four interviews that serve as the basis for analysis and interpretation of the research.

The goal of this thesis is to understand what influence breast cancer has on some of the psychosocial aspects of life of women that suffered from it. The author also investigates what obstacles the breast cancer causes within family life, its influence on work, the psychological state of the victims and what factors created the most difficulties during patients’ treatment. The author chose the method of qualitative research, and the techniques of semi–structured interview, analysis of medical documentation and self–observation.

KEYWORDS

Breast cancer, quality of life, psychosocial aspects of tumor